



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE: The community will honor veterans from every branch of the military during a special Memorial Day ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30 at the Gazebo at Main Square Park. Hear from local citizens about what Memorial Day means to them.

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MAJOR ROADWORK AHEAD

Tis the season for improvements on the town's major north/south arterial roads – namely Kennedy Avenue and Indianapolis Boulevard.

Kennedy is on tap first with repaving from Highway to 45th beginning after the Memorial Day holiday and ending before the July 2 Twilight Parade.

Motorists will have two weeks of relatively easy commutes before the Indiana Department of Transportation begins several weeks of night-time repaving along Indianapolis Boulevard from Ridge Road to Main Street.

In addition to crews milling the heavily traveled roadway and applying a new coat of asphalt, ADA-compliant ramps will be installed at pedestrian crossings.

“INDOT is hoping to minimize disruption by beginning work after the sun goes down, which will mean relatively uninterrupted day-time travel,” Public Works Director John Bach said. “Both projects will involve lane restrictions and disrupt travel for some motorists, but the duration will be short-lived.” 🌧️

ONGOING PROJECTS ...

KENNEDY AVENUE WATER MAIN

As promised, the Kennedy Avenue water improvement project is on schedule to be completed by June 1. The bulk of the underground work has been completed from Highway to Hart Road. New service line installation from Hart south to 45th is up next.

CONDIT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Following a total reconstruction, the 3400 block of Condit Street will be transformed with a new road bed and street, curbs, storm sewers and sidewalks. An undersized water main will also be replaced with a larger line.

LOCAL ROAD REPAIRS

After identifying 30 streets most in need of TLC, the Town Council and Public Works will sit down in May to prioritize the list. What remains from a 2015 bond issue along with other sources of revenue earmarked for roads will be used to repair streets this year.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

On tap this construction season are sanitary improvements that include replacing a leaky sewer on 41st Street and installing a new pump station on Martha Street near Southridge school to remedy stormwater problems.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **MAY 10** to collect trash and rubbish generated by spring cleaning. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the increased collection crews.

NOT INCLUDED: Construction debris, concrete, electronics, televisions, household hazardous waste and leaves. Televisions, computers and electronics may be recycled at the Public Works, 8001 Kennedy Ave.

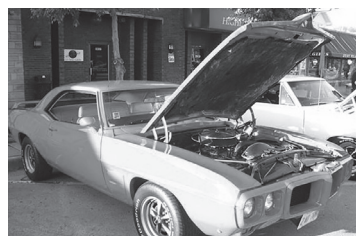
INFO: Call (219) 972-5083.



... TOWN TICKER ...

THE SCHOOL TOWN OF HIGHLAND

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT is now accepting applications for part-time cafeteria help for the 2016-17 school year. Apply at highland.k12.in.us. ... Mrs. Deacy's first graders at **OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL** won this year's Box Top Contest, reaching the goal of \$1,000! ... Congrats to **HIGHLAND RESIDENT STEVE LACHOWIEC**, who made it into the Top 50 of The Big Sell entrepreneur competition with his Putt Metrix, a thumb-size device that records your golf putts and provides feedback.



JOIN US FOR THE HIGHLAND MAIN STREET CAR CRUISE

Michael Vanes starts every day with a good thought that June 4 will begin – and end – with warm temperatures and no sign of rain.

“As long as Mother Nature cooperates, we will have another successful Car Cruise,” said Vanes, a Highland Main Street member and coordinator of this year's event. “We have a perfect location along Highway Avenue and expect more than 250 vintage cars to be on display.”

For the lifelong car buff, who favors 1960s-vintage muscle cars, bringing another successful cruise to Highland is a labor of love.

“People are already anticipating this year's Car Cruise,” said Vanes, who organized Highland's centennial car cruise. “It's a great time to bring the family, enjoy talking to the owners of these incredible cars and stop for a quick snack or dinner at one of downtown Highland's fine eateries.”

CALLING ALL CAR BUFFS!

If you have a classic car or antique hot rod, join us for the Highland Main Street Car Cruise in downtown Highland. Cars may be registered on-site the afternoon of the event.

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, **JUNE 4**
RAIN DATE: 4-8 p.m. Sunday, **JUNE 5**
WHERE: Downtown Highland
INFO: Call Cecile Petro (219) 972-7598 or email cpetro@highland.in.gov.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

With the upcoming summer season, Highland Police are reminding citizens of scams where valuables are removed from the home by criminals posing as utility workers for the town.

The scam artists appear with a request to check inside the house. All Highland Public Works employees wear badges with their uniforms and drive vehicles marked with the Town of Highland logo.

"If unknown subjects come to your door and you do not recognize them or they do not have proper identification, please call 911 immediately," Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said. "Be aware of suspicious vehicles or subjects and keep an eye out for your neighbors, too!"

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about recent neighborhood trends at this month's crime watch.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **MAY 11**

WHERE: HPD Community Room

RESERVATIONS: Call Officer Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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TOWN DEDICATES NEWEST FIRE TRUCK TO "PAPPY"



SQUAD 1 HONORS LONGTIME FIREFIGHTER: A sleek red-and-white fire truck rolled into town in late April. Decked out with the department logo and tagged with the word "Pappy" in script just below the gilded emblem, Squad 1 became the newest face of Highland Fire. Chief Bill Timmer couldn't be happier. "Because this truck was a demo, we acquired it at a great price," he said. "It replaces the former Rescue 2, which was well beyond its useful service life. It also affirms the Town Council's commitment to public safety through investments in both our police and fire departments." As for the "Pappy" designation, Timmer explained the new truck is dedicated to longtime firefighter Francis Ray. Known as Pappy, Ray joined the department in 1955. He died while still an active member of the department in 2013. [Josh Carlascio photos]

DEWBERRY ARCHITECTS TO UNVEIL INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW TOWN HALL

Consultants from Elgin-based Dewberry have plans to present a first look at the options of where a new town hall might be located at the second Town Council study session in May.

Dewberry was hired to provide an in-depth critique of each of the three sites to allow a side-by-side comparison.

In addition to creating a rudimentary footprint at each site, Dewberry consultants considered the potential economic impact a new municipal building would have on commerce in downtown Highland and other factors that could drive up costs.

"We looked first at the cost of rehabbing the existing town hall and it is cost prohibitive," Council President Bernie Zemen said. "Our best option involves building new."

SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION

Dewberry Architects will provide an in-depth critique of the following sites:

- ✓ At or near the current town hall
- ✓ Adjacent to the Central Fire Station
- ✓ At or near Kennedy and Highway Avenue

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Highland Town Council will discuss the Dewberry report at its regular 7 p.m. study session **MAY 16**.

Council President Bernie Zemen said a public meeting will be scheduled in June at Lincoln Center to give residents an opportunity to look at the plans side-by-side and ask questions of the architects and council.

Gibson Woods Wild Ones 16th annual **NATIVE PLANT SALE**

The seeds of flowering plants and grasses once abundant in our prairies, forests and wetlands have been coaxed to life by some of Lake County's expert gardeners in anticipation of the Gibson Woods Native Plant Sale.

More than 7,000 plants representing 100 native species will be on display – from cardinal flowers to blood root and the seemingly misnamed Swamp Mallow, which produces a bumper crop of dinner-plate sized flowers.

Highland resident Marjorie Chapman devotes her time to their preservation and propagation as part of the Gibson Woods Wild Ones.

"I had always been interested in native plants, which are environmentally friendly, assist in biodiversity and aide in the survival of pollinating insects," she said. "I was finally able to find the time after I retired from nursing."

Chapman said the popularity of native plants continues to grow – driven by the need to preserve indigenous species and fueled by the beauty of little-known natives to the region.

"We have people who keep building their gardens with additions from the native plant sale each year."

IF YOU GO ...

The 16th annual Native Plant Sale features more than 100 species of flowers, grasses, sedges and shrubs. Visit gw-wildones.org for a complete list of available plants and pricing.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7

WHERE: Gibson Woods Nature Center, 6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond.

INFO: Call (219) 844-3188 or (219) 865-2679.

BECOME A MEMBER!

Join the National Wild Ones Organization and become a member of our local chapter, Gibson Woods Wild Ones, Chapter 38.

INFO: Visit gw-wildones.org for membership options and to download an application.



CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME

Come out and cheer on our Highland Police Department as they take on Dyer, Lansing and Munster in the 4th Annual Charity Softball Tournament.

The event features softball, door prizes, DJ, police/fire vehicles, bounce houses, concessions and blood drive. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Resource Centre. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the event or from participating players.

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, **MAY 22**

WHERE: Munster Community Park, 8549 Lions Club Drive, Munster

INFO: Call Corporal Shawn Anderson at the Highland Police Department, (219) 838-3184.

HOOSIER BICENTENNIAL

Join the Highland Historical Society as we celebrate the state's 200th birthday with a performance by Actor Terry Lynch in "Happy Hoosier Bicentennial." The evening recounts how the 19th state's admission to the union comes to a fever pitch when the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison of Indianapolis, brings into focus the history, industry, education, politics and entertainment that enabled the great state of Indiana to influence the nation. Admission is free and refreshments will served.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday, **MAY 26**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: Call (219) 922-1047.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Browse gently used books, CDs and DVDs at the annual spring book sale. Proceeds benefit the animals of Humane Society Calumet Area.

MAY 11: 10 a.m. to noon \$5 presale

MAY 11: 1 to 4 p.m. sale

MAY 12-13: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MAY 14: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 bag sale

WHERE: PAWS Resale, 8149 Kennedy
INFO: (219) 513-8911 or hscalumet.org

GIRLS ON THE RUN GEARING UP FOR SPRING RACE

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana organizers are looking for volunteers to help at this year's 5k.

Program Director Jodi Aurand said volunteers are needed to assist with registration, crowd control, hand/face painting, water stops, parking and more.

"Our program has grown by leaps and bounds over the past nine years," she said. "Our growth would not be possible without our amazing volunteers."

The organization inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident, based on an experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

Duncan Marriot, who handed out medals last season, was overjoyed with seeing the smile on the girls' faces as they crossed the finish line.

"You should have people pay you to get to be part of this experience!" Marriot said.

SPRING 5K REGISTRATION

The course begins at 41st Street and Farmer Drive. Runners will proceed down 41st to Liable, then to Lincoln, down the bike path to the HHS track.

WHEN: 8 a.m. Saturday, **MAY 21**

WHERE: Highland High School

FEES: \$20 adults, \$15 kids under 16

ONLINE REGISTRATION: gotrofnwi.org

INFO: Email Race Director Amy Kovacs at Amy.kovacs@girlsontherun.org

NIGHT OUT AGAINST HUNGER

Put on your business-casual attire and join the IUN Student Nurses Association for an evening of entertainment, drinks and an Italian dinner by Del Santo's. The event also features a silent auction supported by Anytime Fitness. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana.

WHEN: 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, **MAY 7**

WHERE: Highland Elks, 3120 45th Street

TICKETS: \$25 and may be purchased by calling (219) 21301746 or email dehandle@imail.iu.edu.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Do you enjoy shopping for rare items, such as comic books, sports cards, Hot Wheels, autographs and other memorabilia? Roger Parker from P & P Collectibles will promote the card show in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale, featuring household items, toys, books, and more!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **MAY 14**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Sultry skies and oh-so-warm evening temperatures lend themselves to spending time outdoors. Grab a comfy lawn chair and your favorite bug spray and head to Main Square for Highland Park's summer concert series. From the classic tunes of our community band to the sounds of rock, country and polka, there's something for everyone!

JUNE 2: Community Band (Classical/Modern)

JUNE 9: The Neverly Brothers (Rock & Roll)

JUNE 16: Wild Daisy (Country)

Rain or shine! No rain-out location.

JUNE 23: Meet the Beetles (Rock)

JULY 7: Dan Mateja & IPA Tribute Band (Polka)

JULY 14: Soda (Modern)

JULY 21: Fast Eddie & The Corvettes (50s-70s)

WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Main Square Park Gazebo

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be held in the Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse. Please bring your own chair.

INFO: www.highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114.

SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA

Highland Parks has your ticket to summer fun: wild water slides and gravity-defying coasters at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, IL.

TICKETS: \$44.50 for general admission tickets; \$76.75 for a season pass

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: www.highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.



Enjoy a family-friendly bicycle ride through Highland and Griffith.

Texas Corral will provide lunch at the registration site to all participants.

Friends and family may join the riders for lunch for \$5. Bicycle raffle and tour T-shirts available for purchase.

WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday, **JUNE 11**

WHERE: Check-in is at 10 a.m. at Wicker Park Pavilion. The bike ride starts at 11 a.m. and is expected to last about 60 minutes. Cookout will begin after riders return.

EARLY REGISTRATION:

\$15 per rider before June 1 includes lunch and drawstring bag. \$5 children age 10 and under.

LATE REGISTRATION:

\$20 per rider June 2-11 giveaways while supplies last

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

www.signmeup.com/114452

INFO: Call (219) 923-3666 or email info@highlandchamber.com.

POP WARNER SIGN-UPS

Register your child for Highland Pop Warner football, cheer or dance. Must bring child's birth certificate, report card and physical.

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays, **MAY 7**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$200 football, \$200 cheer and dance

INFO: Call Rick at (219) 293-6860 for football and Norma at (773) 617-2306 for cheer/dance.

SUMMER THEATER AUDITIONS

Calling all actors! The Highland Parks & Recreation Department's Performing Arts Group – under the direction of Peggy Glennie – is looking for singers and dancers for this summer's production of "Footloose the Musical" with performances scheduled in July and August.

WHEN: Singing auditions are from 6 - 8 p.m.

Monday, **MAY 16** and Tuesday, **MAY 17**.

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

QUESTIONS? Call (219) 838-0114.

10-WEEK SUMMER CAMP

Highland Parks and Recreation's summer camp engages kids – ages 5 to 12 – in games, crafts, songs, drama, sports activities and field trips. Register your child today for an out-of-this-world camp experience.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, **May 31 to AUGUST 5**. Pre-camp hours are from 7 - 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

CAMP FEE: \$105/\$110 weekly, \$25/\$30 daily

PRE-CAMP FEE: \$30/\$35 weekly, \$6/\$7 daily

INFO: www.highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a presentation about our preschool program. Registration information will be provided for parents of students ages 1-5.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Wednesday, **JUNE 1**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **MAY 25**

INFO: www.highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

STREET MARKET

Browse fresh produce, cheeses, breads, spices, coffees, tamales, live music and more. The **JUNE 4** market will be held in conjunction with Paws in the Park. Walk-a-thon begins at 9:30 a.m.

WHEN: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays, **JUNE 4**

through **OCTOBER 15**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: www.highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.